

Woman's Missionary Union

June 13-14, 1982

New Orleans Hilton Hotel

THEME: "Witnessing Women"

Sunday Afternoon, June 13, 2:30-4:30, General Session, Grand Ballroom

2:15—Music New Orleans Style—Brass Ensemble, directed by Leroy Yarbrough

Processional and Preview of Meeting, Introducing All Program Personalities

Congregational Music

Music and Drama: "To Witness, Follow Jesus"—VZ Singers

Witnessing Women in the Bible—Akiko Matsumura, Japan, former president,

Asian Baptist Women's Union

Congregational Music

Prayer—Helen Fling, Birmingham, Ala., former president of WMU, SBC

Witnessing Women Today—

Ways to Witness—Ophelia Humphrey, Amarillo, Texas, writer of "Witnessing Women," training kit

Witnessing in Business—Sue Tatum, Yazoo City, Miss., corporate secretary

Mississippi Chemical Corporation

Witnessing in Home Missions—Mary Dan Kuhnle, New Orleans, director of

Sellers Home and Adoption Center.

Read to Grow—Elaine Dickson, manager, director sales department, Baptist

Sunday School Board, and author of "Say No, Say Yes to Change"

Congregational Music

Special Music

New WMU—Report by Carolyn Weatherford, WMU Executive Director

"Follow Jesus"—Musical Benediction by VZ Singers

Sunday, 4:30-5:45 p.m., Receptions and Fellowship

Seminary Fellowship Receptions, hosted by the six Southern Baptist

seminaries for their women alumni and other guests

Golden Gate Seminary, Belle Chasse Room*

Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Elmwood Room*

New Orleans Seminary, Oak Alley

Sotheastern Seminary, Rosedown Room

Southern Seminary, with WMU Training School

School Alumnae, Napoleon Room

Southwestern Seminary, Magnolia and Jasperwood Rooms

New WMU Reception, Hosted by WMU for pastors and WMU directors of

newly-formed WMU work and for StarTeam members, Melrose

Room

Get-Acquainted Time with Program Personnel, Grand Ballroom

Sunday, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Dinner for Women in Ministry, Versailles Room

(By reservation. For women professionally employed in Baptist work)

Devotion and Prayer—Lynne Gurney, Colorado Springs, Colo., campus minister and home missionary, U.S. Air Force Academy

Update on Woman's Role in the Southern Baptist Convention and Its

Churches—Sarah Frances Anders, professor of sociology department,

Louisiana College

What Women in Ministry Think—Sara Ann Hobbs, Raleigh, N.C., director of

missions for Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

Sunday, 9:30 p.m. State WMU Fellowships, New Orleans Hilton

Mississippi, Elmwood Room

Monday Morning, June 14, 7:00 a.m., Reunion of Former WMU,

SBC Executive Board Members

Breakfast (By reservation only)

Monday, 8:00-8:30 a.m., Morning Missions Watch

Morning prayers led by missionaries:

Jaxie Short, Grand Salon A

Mary Dan Kuhnle, Grand Salon B

Patsy Davis, Grand Salon C

Julia Cadenhead, Grand Salon D

Carolyn Crenshaw, Melrose Room

Erica Morris, Belle Chasse Room

Vera Campbell, Elmwood Room

Verlene Farmer, Rosedown Room

Deborah Dahmus, Magnolia Room

Korean WMU officers, Jasperwood Room

Monday, 9:00-10:45 a.m., General Session, Grand Ballroom

8:45—Music New Orleans Style—Brass Ensemble, directed by Leroy Yarbrough

Congregational Music

Music and Drama: "To Witness, Proclaim Jesus," VZ Singers

Witnessing Women in the Bible—Akiko Matsumura

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capsules

Messengers need cards

A call from Lee Porter, registration secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, asks that Mississippi Baptists be reminded that all messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans need to have their messenger cards properly filled out and documented, and no church may register more than 10 messengers. Visitors and alternates are not expected to register.

Church pension plans boosted

WASHINGTON (BP)—Legislation providing more equitable treatment for denominational pension plans received a boost during consideration by a Senate panel.

Backed by virtually every U.S. denomination—including the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board—S. 1910 drew favorable comments from a treasury department spokesman as well as co-sponsor Sen. John H. Chafee, R-R.I., chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Savings, Pensions and Investment.

Among other things, the bill would permit participants in denominational retirement programs who traditionally have been poorly compensated during their early working years to make greater-than-normal tax deferred annuity payments in later years.

SBC funds help with canal

LA RAMADA, Peru—A canal being constructed in northern Peru with help from Southern Baptist relief funds will bring water to some 1,000 area residents in an area stricken by drought for the past four years.

The 7.5 mile-long canal is being built near Cajamarca at the village of La Ramada, more than 11,000 feet above sea level in the Andes Mountains. Completion is expected by August this year. About 1,000 residents will get drinking and crop irrigation water from the canal.

A grant of \$37,445 provided by Southern Baptists through their Foreign Mission Board helped with initial construction and also bought surveying equipment needed before the project could proceed.

Wyoming elects director

RAPID CITY, S.D. (BP)—John W. Thomason, director of the teaching and training division of the Northern Plains Baptist Convention, has been elected executive director of the Wyoming Southern Baptist Area Fellowship by the Northern Plains executive committee, effective July 1.

Thomason, 45, a graduate of Samford University and Midwestern Seminary, was pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Billings, Mont., before joining the convention staff in 1976.

The Wyoming churches voted last year to organize as a fellowship, a prerequisite to gaining state convention status. In addition, the fellowship must attain a total of 50 churches with combined membership of 12,500 or 70 churches with 10,000 members; a record of two years of cooperation with an existing convention, and giving of at least 10 percent of total receipts through the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program.

Noting the fellowship now has 53 churches, 29 church-type missions and nearly 12,500 members, Thomason says it will vote to organize as a state convention during the October 1983 Northern Plains Baptist Convention annual meeting.

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Missionaries in Argentina report rise in tension

RICHMOND, Va.—Southern Baptist missionaries in Argentina are feeling increased tension as the result of the British landing in the Falkland Islands (Malvinas), a Foreign Mission Board official just back from Buenos Aires reported.

Thurmon Bryant, the board's area

director for Eastern South America, said the missionaries began to experience greater anxiety after major British landing operations began May 21. "But insofar as missionary activities are concerned," Bryant said, "things are continuing as normal."

The three-man steering committee has been selected to act in case immediate decisions need to be made concerning the missionary. These include Leon White of Alabama, named president of the missionary organization after the former president J. Robert Burts died of a heart attack May 15; Mell R. Plunk of Texas, vice-president; and Barney Hutson of Texas, treasurer.

Bryant said a city-wide crusade plan in Cordoba this fall has been cancelled. He said he expects to advise Mississippi Baptist leaders not to send volunteers to Argentina at this time. Mississippi Baptists have been working with Baptists in Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay in Partnership convention efforts.

Bryant accompanied Mrs. Burts and her son May 21 as they brought Burts' body back to Madisonville, Texas for services and burial May 23. The Burts' daughter was already in Texas.

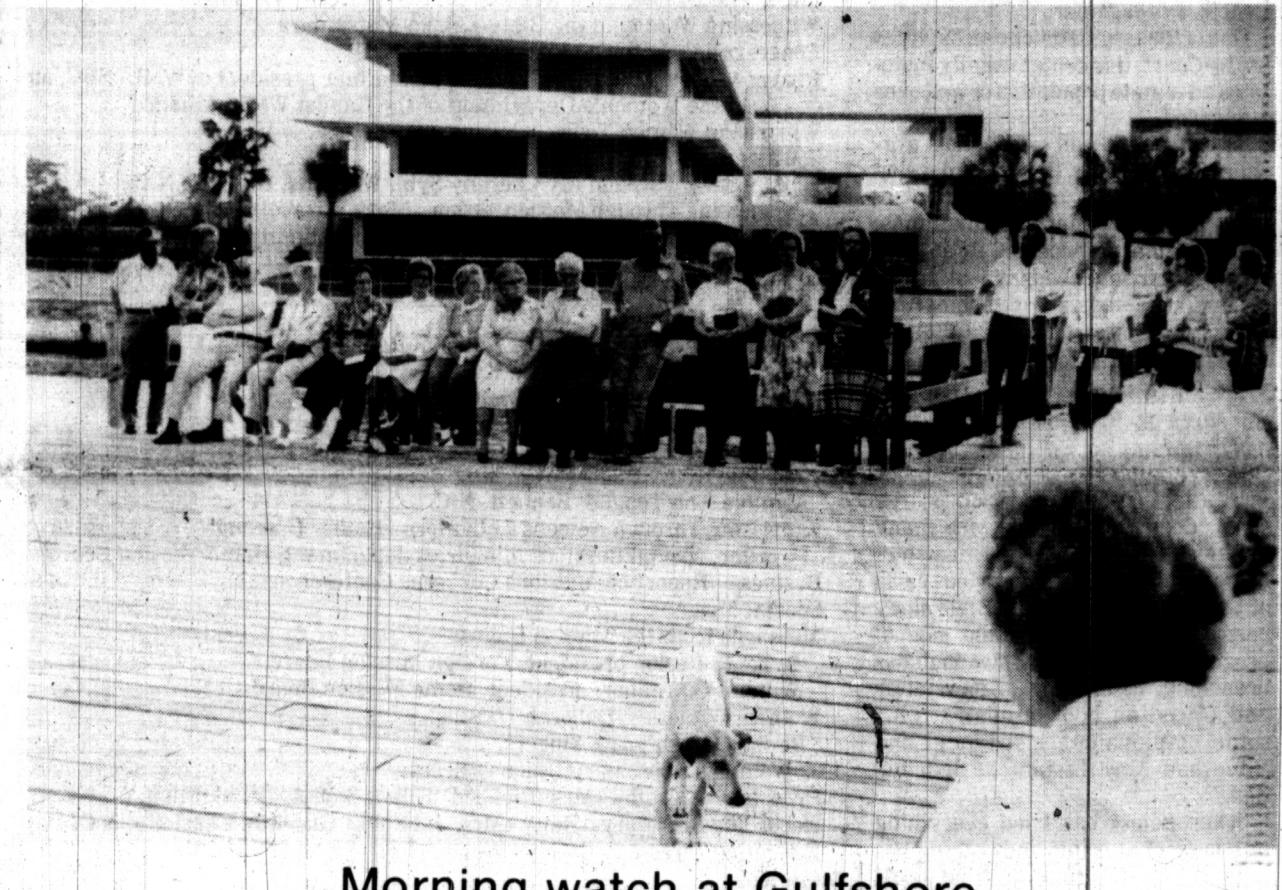
Bryant said many of the 52 missionaries remaining in Argentina had

gone to Rosario, about a four hour drive from Buenos Aires, for the annual meeting of the Argentine Evangelical Baptist Convention.

Missionaries are not curtailing their normal church related activities Bryant reported but are trying to avoid "bunching up" as they travel in order to make their American presence less conspicuous in this time of tension in increasing anti-American feelings among the general Argentine public.

Meanwhile a U.S. Embassy spokesman in Buenos Aires said May 22 that the evacuation of non-essential Embassy personnel at Montevideo, Uruguay had been stepped up "until all this blows over."

The Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas which is related to the Foreign Mission Board and sends Spanish material to Spain and Latin America has suspended all shipment of books and other materials to Argentina due to current import restrictions on non-essential goods that Argentina has imposed.



Morning watch at Gulfshore

About 100 of the senior adults at their annual retreat at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, attended Morning Watch last week, led by Ethel McKeithen of the Convention Board's Woman's Missionary Union department. She asked the group, "If someone had a need, would they call on you to pray for them?" In setting aside prayer time every day and deciding what to pray about, Miss McKeithen said one needs to ask "Am I praying with some degree of self-sacrifice or is it just convenient for me?" About 200 senior adults attended the retreat at Gulfshore. Another group is there this week.

Editorial

Baptist Record Sunday—June 6

By Don McGregor

Thirty years ago in March the writer first began an association with a Baptist state paper. It was the *Baptist Standard* in Texas, and that relationship lasted for 16 years.

Two years in California and more than seven years in Mississippi have combined to make 25 years in the state paper field, with the other almost five years taken up in secular newspaper work and public relations endeavors.

It has been an interesting and rewarding career. Of paramount interest, however, is the observation of *Baptist Record* Sunday set on the Mississippi Baptist calendar for June 6.

Each of the 34 state conventions in the Southern Baptist Convention framework has a state paper. Some have their own boards of directors elected by the convention; and some have as their board of directors the state executive board, as is the case with the *Baptist Record*. In addition, the *Baptist Record* has an advisory committee elected by the convention to counsel with the editor on matters of content, subscription rates, format, policies, and other such pertinent matters.

With 128,800 subscribers, the *Baptist Record* ranks third or fourth in circulation among the 34 state papers, according to where the *Baptist Courier* of South Carolina is from week to week.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention constitution establishes the *Baptist Record* as the convention's periodical in the list of convention institutions, commissions, and boards and notes that its purpose is "for the publication of Baptist and world religious news, and dissemination of Baptist doctrines, the creation of goodwill toward the denomination, and the promotion of the work of the convention and the Convention Board."

As a simple statement of purpose,

we at the *Baptist Record* define the purpose as helping the churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention to carry out their mission of witnessing to the world. The *Baptist Record* is mailed directly to church members,

however, so we more completely define that purpose as helping church members to be better able to function as church members. That in turn helps the church in its mission and is done through the directions set forth in the convention constitution.

So our purpose is one of service. This we want to accomplish as best we can. *Baptist Record* Sunday was established in order to seek to make church members more aware of the *Baptist*

Record and its purpose and to promote readership so that its purpose may be carried out.

The *Baptist Record* belongs to Mississippi Baptists, whether or not they are subscribers. It has more subscribers than any other publication in the state, but it must be read in order to accomplish the purpose that Mississippi Baptists have established for it.

Thus we hope that *Baptist Record* Sunday will serve to create an awareness of the *Baptist Record* and thus cause readership to be as high as it can possibly be.

We feel that it is accomplishing its purpose well.

The Record speaks

Article means adoption for three Indian churches

"Church leaks, floor has holes," a *Baptist Record* article revealed March 5, 1981. Tim Nicholas, associate editor, wrote the article about Bogue Chitto, an Indian church in New Choctaw Baptist Association. The article ran on page 1, beside Nicholas' photos of the building's interior and of the battered crib which is the church nursery.

"Contributions to Bogue Chitto Church were sent from many areas of Mississippi; at least one contribution came from as far away as Birmingham, Ala.," said Dolton Haggan, missionary to the Choctaws.

The Mississippi chapter of Campers on Mission read the article and voted to adopt the Bogue Chitto Church as a partner in missions. This group plans with volunteer labor to help the congregation construct a new building soon.

After persons in Oktibbeha and Warren Baptist associations read the same article, they called Dolton Haggan to ask what they could do. Since Campers on Mission had already adopted Bogue Chitto, Haggan suggested that Oktibbeha Association adopt Mt. Zion and Warren adopt Canaan, both Indian churches in New Choctaw Association. This the associations have done. Now Yazoo Association will assist Warren. They have announced plans to help the churches construct new buildings.

*(Anyone with stories of how the *Baptist Record* has influenced a life is encouraged to write Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.)*

Sunday School tallies new enrollees in May

Each year, at least one month has five Sundays. Mississippi Baptists have adopted May of 1982 to concentrate on Sunday School enrollment in a promotion called "Five Fabulous Sundays." The Sunday School department tallies enrollment from the churches by calling the associations each week during the promotion. The fourth Sunday in May garnered 575 new enrollees in Mississippi Sunday Schools.

As a simple statement of purpose,

New Orleans housing?

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—There is another hope for persons who still need housing for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans June 15-17.

Following convention action, a bureau has been set up through Gene Richards, pastor of Bridgedale Baptist Church, Metairie, La., to offer accommodations with individual families in New Orleans.

Persons wishing to stay with a Baptist family in New Orleans during the convention should contact Richards at 504-888-6164.

Orientation

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Ron and Anita Coleman Hunt, Oklahomans who were missionaries to Liberia from 1973 to 1979, expect to arrive in Banjul, Gambia's capital, in August and begin a year's language study. The West African nation, a former British colony, is a sliver of land encasing the Gambia River and surrounded on three sides by French-speaking Senegal. The two countries formed a confederation the first of the year, but maintain separate governments.

(Stanley writes for the FMB.)

Taylor named chaplain at detention center

Director Adrian Wright has appointed Sid L. Taylor of Ocean Springs as the first official Protestant chaplain at the Jackson County Detention Center, Pascagoula.

One of the largest detention facilities on the Coast, this center usually maintains an inmate population of well over a hundred.

Taylor has begun conducting worship services and is striving to develop as well-rounded a religious program as is possible under the conditions. "We feel that ministering to an individual's spiritual needs is just as important as taking care of the physical necessities," he said.

Taylor is also director of Prison Evangelism Outreach, Inc., which ministers to inmates, ex-offenders, and their families. Prison Evangelism Outreach ministers also in four other institutions of incarceration on the coast, does liaison work with many inmates at Parchman, and ministers to many other inmates in various parts of the country through its Bible study correspondence courses and pen-pal program. This ministry also includes preaching, counseling, a newsletter and Christian book ministry, plus some employment assistance, and Bible and New Testament distribution.

"Our society has tried everything else to combat crime and nothing has worked. Now it's time we tried Jesus Christ," said Taylor, who is a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Ocean Springs.

Golden Gate lunch

MILL VALLEY, CALIF.—The Annual Meeting and Luncheon of the Golden Gate Seminary Alumni Association will be held in the Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Orleans, Wednesday, June 16, at 12:30 p.m.

Tickets for the luncheon purchased before June 1 will cost \$9. After that, tickets will be \$11 per person.

Added to this year's Seminary activities at the SBC will be a reception honoring all women alumni and guests on Sunday, June 13, from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in the Belle Chasse Room of the New Orleans Hilton Hotel. Guest speaker will be Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, president of Women's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.

To order tickets for the annual meeting and luncheon or to make reservations for the alumnae reception, contact Larry C. Baker, vice president for alumni relations, Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. 94941.

Reception Mission Service Corps

for all Volunteers and Interested Persons at New Orleans during the Southern Baptist Convention Wednesday, June 16, 1982 4:00—6:00 PM Burgundy Room A Hyatt Regency Hotel

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WMU Convention

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Congregational Music
Prayer—Christine Gregory, Danville, Va., first vice-president, SBC, and past president of WMU, SBC
Witnessing Women Today—
Ways to Witness—Ophelia Humphrey
Witnessing Where I Am—Elida Rebolloso, Farmers Branch, Texas
Witnessing to Women of Venezuela—Patsy Davis, foreign missionary
Witnessing As a Chaplain—Lt. Julia Cadenhead, Great Lakes, Ill.
Read to Grow—Jean Bond, Starkville, Miss., author of "Blanche Groves of China: Indomitable Lady"

Business
Election of Officers
Recognition: Baptist Young Women
Congregational Music
Special Music
President's Address—Dorothy Elliott Sample, Flint, Mich., psychologist; president of WMU
"Proclaim Jesus"—VZ Singers

Monday, 11:15 a.m.—12:30 p.m., Missions Concerns Conference

Monday, 2:30-4:30 p.m., General Session, Grand Ballroom

Special Emphasis: Theological Education for Women
2:15—Musical New Orleans Style, Brass Ensemble, directed by Leroy Yarbrough

Congregational Music
Music and Drama: "To Witness, Learn of Jesus," VZ Singers

Witnessing Women in the Bible—Akiko Matsumura

Congregational Music
Prayer—Alma Hunt, Richmond, Va., former executive secretary of WMU, SBC
Witnessing Women Today—
Ways to Witness—Ophelia Humphrey

Witnessing As a Volunteer Missionary & Tura Miller, Madras, Ore., Volunteer workers in home and foreign mission fields
Witnessing Among Seminole Indians—Carolyn Crenshaw, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., home missionary

Witnessing in the Philippines—Erica Morris, foreign missionary

Congregational Music
Special Music

Recognition: Southern Baptist Seminaries Today

Theological Education for Women, Then and Now—

Verlene Farmer, home missionary in black church relations, Langston, Okla.
Helen Falls, professor of missions, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Sara Ann Hobbs

Deborah Dahnun, president of Woman's Missionary Union, Nigeria

"Learn of Jesus"—VA Singers

Monday, 4:45 p.m., Acteens Riverboat Trip

(Departing from Hilton Wharf, By Reservation for Acteens and their leaders)

Monday Evening, 7:30 p.m., General Session, Grand Ballroom

7:15—Music New Orleans Style, Brass Ensemble, directed by Leroy Yarbrough

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Congregational Music

Prayer—Marie Mathis, Dalhart, Texas, former president of WMU, SBC, and of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance

Witnessing Women Today—
Ways to Witness—Ophelia Humphrey

Witnessing Through My Church—Sybil Williams, Holister, N.C.

Witnessing Through Mission Action—Mary Elizabeth Palmer, Atlanta, Ga.

Witnessing in Japan—Vera Campbell, school administrator, foreign missionary in Japan

Congregational Music

Recognition: Acteens

Introducing the 1982 Acteens National Panelists—

Susan Ellen Ballou, Corbin, Ky.

Daphne Burt, Brunswick, Ohio

Cheryl Coleman, Waverly, Tenn.

Holly Hughes, Richardson, Texas

Melanie Knox, Hagerstown, Md.

Cynthia Ann Teague, Bennett, N.C.

Witnessing Through Acteens Activators—Esther Burroughs, assistant director, special missions ministries department, Home Mission Board

Business—Report on Missions Concerns Conferences

Special Music

Messages from the Mission Boards—

R. Keith Parks, president, Foreign Mission Board

William G. Tanner, president, Home Mission Board

Women, Witness!—Deborah Dahnun

"Be the Church"—VZ Singers

1982 Woman's Missionary Union Officers:

President—Dorothy (Mrs. Richard) Elliott Sample, Flint, Mich.

Recording Secretary—Betty (Mrs. J. Frank) Gilreath, Charlotte, N.C.

Executive Director—Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, Ala.

Musicians:

Director—Leroy Yarbrough, assistant professor of music, New Orleans Baptist Seminary

Pianist—Gerald Aultman, assistant professor of music, New Orleans Baptist Seminary

Special Music and Drama—VZ Singers, Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., directed by Randall Veazey

Senior adults crowned

At senior adult week at Gulfshore, participants elect a king and queen. Last week's court included from left, Jerry and Vonee Danilick of First, Union; Queen Thirstine Smith of Macedonia, Brookhaven and King Phil Blackwell of Calvary Greenville; Tina and Claude Douglas of McDowell Rd, Jackson; and Sue Smith of Fairview, Columbus and H. L. Hutcherson of Daniel Memorial, Jackson. King Phil is being crowned by Joe McKeever, pastor of First Church, Columbus, and a Bible study leader last week.

Senior adults crowned

Meg Perkins of Moss Point plays in a musical while Mrs. Irma David of First Church, Biloxi, holds her. Senior adults performed the musical "Kingdom Within" during senior adult week at Gulfshore. The week includes many Bible studies and conferences especially designed for senior adults.

SBC politics becomes

more visible now

By Dan Martin
and Norman Jameson

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)—Duke K. McCall, retired president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be nominated for the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention at the annual meeting in New Orleans.

Edwin Perry, spokesman for a "group of Louisville pastors and laymen" said: "Duke is not a candidate in the sense of running for office, but if his name is presented, he will not withdraw; if elected, he will serve."

McCall, 67, who became chancellor of the seminary with his retirement in February, was in eastern Europe with a Baptist World Alliance tour and unavailable for comment. He is president of BWA, which represents 30 million Baptists around the world.

Others prominently mentioned as potential nominees are Jimmy Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church of Euless, Texas; Edwin Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Houston and current president of the SBC Pastors' Conference; John Sullivan, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church of Shreveport, La., and Perry Sanders, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lafayette, La.

Also mentioned are Richard Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix (Ariz.) Baptist Church, and Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, Tenn., and immediate past president of the SBC.

Also, Louisville pastor, Leslie Hollon, 27, of Finchville Baptist Church, has mailed "prayer covenants" to 1,000 Southern Baptist churches, asking members to sign the petitions in an effort to draft Evangelist Billy Graham for the denominational presidency. Hollon says he has not talked with Graham, who apparently is not even aware of the effort, but said he hopes the evangelist would be "open to God's will."

In announcing McCall's nomination, Perry said: "He (McCall) is a world statesman. We need him. Many of us have been waiting for someone to emerge. If someone else with a sense of the historical integrity and worldwide vision of the denomination had emerged, he would not have allowed his name to be presented."

Perry referred to efforts by a "takeover group" within the denomination to control the presidency, and with it appointment to several powerful committees, and said: "We feel another heavy victory by the takeover group . . . will hamper, hinder and alter the character of our institutions and agencies, especially our cooperative missions effort at home and abroad. That is why we are so concerned."

Perry, who took part in an effort in 1981 to thwart the movement, said the SBC "is, in effect, a house divided," and said that "many of us fear" the convention is "facing radical character change . . . disintegration. We cannot go on very much longer divided without separation beginning."

Draper said his final decision on whether to allow nomination "will be made after we get to New Orleans. I am an idealist and I want to feel I am needed to be nominated."

He commented he believes Young "to be the most electable man" because Young will receive high visibility as president of the Pastors' Conference. "I would not want to compete with him for it (the presidency). I am not saying for sure I wouldn't; my feeling is that I would not want to," Draper said.

Young said his "primary concern" is the Pastors' Conference and the evangelistic rally in the Louisiana Superdome. "I haven't given any serious consideration to the presidency. I want to do the job with the Pastors' Conference, to set the tone of evangelism and missions for the convention. I don't have any sense of leadership or guidance about this thing (the presidency)," he added.

The Houston pastor said he "does not plan to be nominated," and said if he were to use the pastor's meeting as an "overt stepping stone" it would take away from what "God wants to do in the meeting . . ."

Sullivan said he will be nominated but does not yet know who will do it. He said he was "surprised" by McCall's decision to be nominated, adding he is the only publicly announced nominee. McCall's candidacy would

hurt because no votes for McCall would go to an announced "conservative" candidate, but may go to him.

"I've said all along I think the term is convention control," Sullivan said. "The group that announced its intentions to take control of convention boards and agencies is using theology as an: I do not see the great problem of the denomination right now as theological."

Sullivan believes the SBC president "must work from the middle of the constituency and not from either end," and said he represents the mainstream of the denomination because he is "right in the middle."

"The denomination is a broad-based, cooperative organization to do the work of Christ," Sullivan said.

"I see myself as a conservative who's not angry about it," Sullivan said.

Sanders, mentioned early as a likely candidate, said he did not "run" for the office but is undecided on whether he will allow himself to be nominated. He is a close friend of Sullivan, but said Sullivan's candidacy will not affect his decision.

Sanders, 54, has been active on the evangelism circuit the past year, preaching in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Alabama. At the 1981 SBC meeting in Los Angeles, Sanders delivered the closing address and was interrupted by applause 12 times, mostly, he said, after making strong theological points.

He considers the presiding function of the SBC president an enormous part of the presidential responsibility. For such, he feels experience beyond presiding over church business meetings is important.

"I'm going to make my decision exclusively on the basis of what the Lord would have me do at this time in my life," Sanders said. He said people who may vote for him would be people concerned about denominational total support, and cooperative missions.

But he said, the same people could vote comfortably for Sullivan or McCall for the same reasons.

Jackson, nominated in 1980, said he will not be a nominee, and expressed disappointment in the excessive energy expended in electing a president.

"I have only one desire in my heart," Jackson said. "That is that Southern Baptists return to having messengers who vote the convictions of their hearts at the time of the convention, and not delegates who vote by manipulation of politicians beforehand."

Rogers, who bowed out after serving only one term, said he has "no desire . . . no ambition to be nominated," but declined to definitely rule himself out. "However, I can't imagine circumstances which would precipitate that (his nomination)."

(Martin is BP news editor; Jameson is BP feature editor.)

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GOD'S PROMISES TO PREACHERS

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MBS awards degrees to 72 grads on Friday

Mississippi Baptist Seminary will hold its 39th commencement exercises on Friday, May 28, 1982 at 10 a.m. at The Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, 1245 Tunica Street in Jackson.

The Commencement speaker will be Odell McGlothian, president of American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville. McGlothian has served as director of publications for the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. He has been pastor of churches in Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, and Tennessee.

A native of Vaiden, Miss., McGlothian holds earned degrees from Judson College; Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, and earned the master and doctor of education degrees from Wayne State University.

The seminary will award academic degrees and certificates to 72

graduates, 26 of whom attended the Main Campus located in Jackson. The remaining number of graduates attended one of the Seminary's 25 Extension Centers located across the State. Richard Brogan is president of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, and Hickman Johnson is dean of academic affairs.

Reception to honor author

Mississippi Baptist Seminary will present Aaron Isaiah Jones and his new book, *God's Promises to Preachers*, during a reception honoring the 1982 graduating class and the faculty of the seminary. Jones, candidate for the Doctor of Ministry degree, will be available to autograph his new book.

The reception will be held at the seminary immediately after graduation exercises at Mt. Nebo.

Jones is professor of preaching and systematic theology at Mississippi Baptist Seminary, 3160 Lynch Street, Jackson. *God's Promises To Preachers*, his first book, was completed during his tenure as dean of Natchez Junior College in 1979.

He was dean of students and professor of English and Old Testament at Mississippi Baptist Seminary from 1967 to 1978 as a missionary-teacher hired by the Home Mission Board, SBC. His book was recently released by Broadman Press, and will be available at Baptist Book Stores.

The author did his undergraduate work at American Baptist College of A.B.T. Seminary, Nashville, Tenn. He received the M.S.Ed. degree at Jackson State University and Th.M. degree at Mississippi Baptist Seminary. He received a doctor of divinity degree from Baltimore College of the Bible, Baltimore, Md. in 1973.

Jones is president of the Progressive Baptist State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress and pastor of the Pearl River Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Monticello, Miss. A native of Gulfport, he is married to the former Mary Jane Crum from Biloxi. They have four children.

MC slates Wed. N.O. breakfast

Mississippi College alumni and friends attending the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans, La., in June are invited to a complimentary breakfast on Wednesday, June 16, in the Russell B. Long Room of the Rault Center Hotel just across from the Superdome.

Bernard Blackwell, director of alumni affairs and host for the event, said the breakfast would be from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Coffee, sweet rolls and juice will be served and no formal program is planned.

Mississippi College will also have an exhibit set up in the Superdome exhibit area and alumni and friends are invited to visit the booth throughout the convention, Blackwell said.

The service will be preceded by a "Walk for Peace" from the parking lot of Memorial Stadium, down North State Street, to Smith Park.

Staff Changes

Larry Corder became pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Macon, on May 1. He moved from First Baptist Church, Blakely, Ga., where he was minister of music and youth. There he was ordained to the gospel ministry.

Corder is a native of Tuscaloosa, Ala. He is a graduate of University of Alabama and Southwestern Seminary. He has been called to the pastorate after having served for 15 years in music and youth ministries in Alabama, Texas, and Georgia. His wife is the former Brenda Savage of Tuscaloosa. They have two children, Lance and Lauren.

Shaw Baptist Church, Bolivar Association, recently welcomed a new pastor, Peter Haik, and his family. He moved from Arcola Church in Washington County where he had served for two years. He and his wife, Wanda, both from Greenville, are graduates of Delta State University.

Haik received his master of divinity

Gwen Hitt has resigned as minister of music at Big Level Church, Gulf Coast. She and her family are moving to Collins, where her husband will be administrator of the Covington County Hospital.

God made the country, and man made the town.—Cowper

Warren Association will form partnership with Canaan Church

Warren County Baptist Association has voted to assist the Canaan Baptist Church, on the Choctaw Indian Reservation at Philadelphia, in building a new church.

The building now in use was built in 1940 and is in extremely bad condition. The church has 50 resident members. Although their income is very limited, they have saved \$7,000.00 toward the cost of a building.

Plans have been drawn up for a 29 x 74 concrete slab, frame and brick veneer building, which will seat 100 and include baptistry, four Sunday School rooms, and two restrooms. Usable lumber from the present structure will be used.

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N.O. parking very limited

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Parking will be very limited for the 1982 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in the Louisiana Superdome, according to local arrangements of officials, who urge all messengers—especially those staying downtown—to use the New Orleans bus system.

For the morning and afternoon sessions, all adjacent lots and two-thirds of the parking at the Superdome will be used by New Orleans residents who work in the downtown areas. The entire parking supply will be available only for the evening sessions.

Cost for the parking will vary. Daytime parking—6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.—will be \$2 in the Northwest Garage and \$2.50 in all other garages. Nighttime parking will be \$3 in all garages. The prices do not include in-out privileges.

Space will be available for 70 buses and 30 campers in the Superdome side lot at a cost of \$55 for Sunday-Thursday or \$35 for Tuesday-Thursday. Permits for bus and camper parking are available through the Baptist Association of Greater New Orleans, 2222 Lakeshore Drive, New Orleans, La. 70122, or by telephone at 504-282-1428.

The camper/bus permits provide in-out privileges, but overnight parking is prohibited. The permits, available first-come, first-serve, become valid at 5 p.m. Sunday, June 13.

According to local arrangements of officials, messengers may use the shuttle bus system in the downtown area. A map of the routes will be included in messenger packets. Cost of the ride is 20 cents, and the buses run every eight minutes from 6:30 a.m. to 7:15 p.m.

A night shuttle service will be provided on Tuesday and Wednesday only, at a cost of 50 cents per ride. The buses will run from 9 to 10:30 p.m.

Regular bus service also is available to messengers, particularly those lodging on Tulane Ave. Buses run every 15 minutes from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and cost 40 cents per ride.

For airport transportation, buses run on a variable schedule to the New Orleans airport at a cost of 65 cents one way.

Taxis are available for a 90-cent drop charge and 80 cents per mile. The charge airport to downtown is \$18.25 for up to three persons, or \$6 per person for four or more.

Large Church Stewardship meet is set

A Mississippi Baptist Large Church Stewardship Conference is set for Lake Tiak-O'-Khata at Louisville, July 19-20.

The conference is designed especially for pastors, ministers of education and business managers of the 56 Mississippi Baptist churches which have budgets of over \$400,000. Participation is by invitation from the Mississippi Baptist Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion department.

Program personnel will speak on such topics as budget development, stewardship education, and computer services.

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There is no on-site overnight camping at the Superdome. Four nearby campgrounds and reservation telephone numbers are: Park D'Orleans I, 504-241-3167; Parc D'Orleans II, 504-242-6176; New Orleans Travel Park, 504-242-7795; and New Orleans West KOA, 504-467-1792. A fifth campground, New Orleans East KOA, is within 35 minutes of the Superdome, phone 504-643-3850.

Working together-blessing of Chickasaw tent revival

A two-week associational revival in Chickasaw County was a valuable experience, according to leaders of the event.

The 18 Baptist churches in the county held a tent revival April 25-30 at Van Vleet and May 2-7 at Sleepy Hollow. The tent is owned by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Evangelism department. Guy Henderson, that department's director, was the preacher at Sleepy Hollow. Dan Hall, who directs the MBCB

Church Music department led music there. Mel Craft, pastor of Richland Baptist Church, preached, and Hubert Greer, music evangelist from Brookhaven, led music at Van Vleet.

Bryant had presented the pastors with census information showing that the county had fewer churches and less church attendance than adjacent counties, making an evangelistic project such as the tent revival a practical idea.

James Cannon, pastor of Parkway Baptist Church, Houston, and associational evangelism chairman, said the one thing he'd heard from participants "is the many other church members in the association they were privileged to meet and work with. Working together was a great blessing, not to mention one man surrendered to the gospel ministry along with eight professions of faith and 38 who registered rededication."

The association held a Lay Evangelism School for the pastors led by Ferrell Conk, pastor of First Church, Aberdeen. And 75 laypersons served on various preparatory committees.

Alread, Hollis Bryant, foster missionary for the association, and staffer with the MBCB Cooperative Missions department, presented a suggestion to the pastors that they participate in simultaneous crusades in 1983. They agreed unanimously and will hold revivals the last week in April next year.

Serving as the steering committee for the campaign were: Bill Mitchell, director; Paul Green and Kelly Pyron, special gifts co-directors; Carl Aiken, promotion; Billy Pyron, canvass; Bill Dunaway, building banquet; Mrs. R. M. Luttrell, report snack; and Jim Pendergrast, follow-up. Dan Wynn is minister of education and Mrs. Isa Jaber served as campaign secretary.

The "Together We Build" campaign was directed by John Alexander of the state Stewardship department staff.

The plans include a new sanctuary with a seating capacity of 1,000, an educational building for an additional 180 in Sunday School, a fellowship hall, parlor, music suite, and a prayer room.

Building committee members are

Kelly Pyron and Paul Green, co-chairmen; Kenneth Moss, Frank Vaughn, Mrs. Eunice Hoyland, Mrs. Peggy Benson, and Mrs. Cleo Adams.

Lewis will lead

"Adventures in SS Growth"

Ron Lewis, senior consultant for Church Growth Designs in Nashville, will lead two conferences in Mississippi called "Adventures in Sunday School Growth."

The conferences will take place Wednesday, June 2, at the Ramada Inn Coliseum, in Jackson, 9:30-3 p.m.; and Thursday,

Lewis, June 3, at 15th Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian, 7:30-3 p.m.

These seminars will discuss barriers and building blocks for Sunday School growth, help identify growth agents and strategies. They are designed for pastors, educational directors, other related staffers, and all church elected Sunday School leadership.

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The contribution of the First Baptist Church of Rose Hill in Jasper Association to the Lottie Moon Offering, published in the April 22 issue of the *Baptist Record*, was inadvertently credited to the Rose Hill Baptist Church of Smith Association by the Convention Board office when it arrived without a remittance slip. The contribution was \$500.

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THE SMILEY CHOIR of First Baptist Church, Mathiston, Miss., will present the musical, "Music Machine," at the church May 30. The choir is made up of children, first through sixth grades. Directors (back row left) are Marcia Crowley and Julia Faulk. The other adults in the picture, at right, are Thurman Hall and Barbara Fortner, who will sing solos in the musical. Rob Faulk is music director; Higdon Herrington is pastor.



Louin Baptist Church, Louin, has dedicated a new organ. Left to right, back row: Mrs. Ruby Hennington, Truett Carr, W. P. Miley, pastor, and Auzlia Ishee. Front row: Robert Lightsey of Clinton-Harrington Piano Company, Laurel, and Mrs. Bessie Waldrup, church organist. Not shown: Ray Pugh, minister of music. The new Baldwin church organ was dedicated Sunday morning, April 5. Mr. Lightsey presented the keys to Mrs. Waldrup, as shown.



JOHNS BAPTIST CHURCH, RANKIN COUNTY, recently dedicated its new baptismal. Five persons were baptized into the fellowship of the church. Pictured are the pastor, W. J. Murray, and Kem Murray (no relation). Also the fellowship hall of the church has been divided into three Sunday School rooms by the installing of folding doors.



GOSS BAPTIST CHURCH of Marion Association recently held a fund raising campaign, in preparation for building a Family Life Center. Materials provided by the state Stewardship Department led Goss beyond all three goals set \$127,000, \$130,000, \$150,000 to a total amount of \$206,000. Pictured is the Steering Committee for the campaign. Left to right, front row: Nell Buckley, Carlene Morgan, Jerry Cutrer. Back row: Carolyn Buckley, Gordon Fortenberry, Dudley Williamson and Christine Breakfield. (Not pictured are Mike Buckley, and Jerry Mixon, pastor).

Missionary News

John and Sarah Perkins, missionaries to France, are the parents of David Carl, born March 9. They may be addressed at 8, Rue Leon Blum, 33400 Talence, France. He was born in

Montgomery, Ala. The former Sarah Grant, she was born in McComb, Miss., but grew up in Burgin and Louisville, Ky., and Drew and Jackson, Miss.

Glenn and Polly Morris, missionaries to Thailand, have returned to the field (address: Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand). He is a native of Atlanta, Ga., and she is the former Polly Love of Hattiesburg, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Smith, missionaries to Indonesia, are on a temporary assignment in the Philippines (address: Box 26, Dagupan City, Philippines). They are natives of Brookhaven, Miss.; she is the former Nell Brock.

Joe and Beverly Tarpley, missionaries to Nigeria, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (address: P. O. Box 211, Jos, Nigeria). He was born in Nashville, Tenn., and grew up in Jackson, Miss. She is from Jackson, Miss.

Tom and Robbie Pettey, missionary associates to Nigeria, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (address: Baptist Seminary, Box 30, Ogbomosho, Nigeria). They are natives of Philadelphia, Miss.

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236 profess faith, during Clarke crusade

The Jimmy Knight Evangelistic Association will expand its ministry soon to include a five-minute daily devotional from a 50,000 watt radio station located on St. Kitt's Island in the Caribbean Sea. The Caribbean area has about 6 million English-speaking people and around 9 million Spanish-speaking people (many of whom also speak English).

The Jimmy Knight Evangelistic Association has headquarters at Route 2, Box 217; Laurel, MS 39440.

The association presently airs a program each weekday morning at 10:05 on Station WABO, 990 AM, Waynesboro. Free Bible studies are available for the asking by writing to the above address, said Knight.

Clarke County Baptist churches responded to an appeal made by Dondoy Biadog for Bibles for needy persons in the Philippines, and sent 224 Bibles and \$125.00 to buy Bibles in a Philippine language. Biadog was converted while living in the Philippines, and May 3, 1981, was ordained to the ministry by the Center Ridge Baptist Church, Clarke County Association. Now he is in the Philippines on a five-weeks preaching and witnessing tour.

Central Baptist Church, Brookhaven, gave \$3,500.00 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions in 1981 and \$2,026.57 to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions in 1982. The initial goals were \$1,850.00 and \$700.00 respectively. In addition to the special offerings to missions, the percentage of the church budget to the Cooperative Budget has been raised. Mrs. Larry Welborn is the W.M.U. director, Garland Brown is the Baptist Men's director, and Paul Wilson is pastor.

Dallas Holm & Praise, contemporary Christian musical group, has scheduled two concerts in Mississippi the first week of June. The group will appear in Greenwood on Thursday, June 3, at the Leflore Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. and at the Trace Convention Center in Tupelo on Friday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$6.50, \$8 at the door and are available at Christian bookstores in each city. For further information, contact Praise Ministries in Mobile at 205/661-3163.

Oral Baptist Church, Lamar Association, recently held ground breaking ceremonies for the addition of a fellowship hall and five additional classrooms. Rayford Moore, pastor, was in charge of the ceremony. Spades were manned by Chairman of Deacons, Jerry Rawls, Chairman of Building Committee, Harvey Fillingane and Chairman of Finance Committee, Kenneth Fillingane. Many of the members were on hand to observe and assist in the ceremony.

In a recent article concerning the Mississippi Keyboard Festivals, the name of one recipient of an honorable mention award was omitted. That person is Lysanda Lee of Cleveland. Her teacher is Christine Jones.

Among ten business and professional leaders named to three-year terms on the board of directors of Southern Seminary Foundation during the annual spring trustee meeting of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was one Mississippian, John T. Keeton, Jr., attorney, Grenada.

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HAL FISHER of Blue Mountain (second from the right) was honored as the recipient of the Founders' Award during Honors Day ceremonies at Mississippi College. The Founder's Award is presented annually to the graduating senior who best exemplifies the ideals of the founders of the institution. Van D. Quick (r), Vice President for Student Personnel, made the presentation as parents Mr. and Mrs. E. Harold Fisher look on. His father is president of Blue Mountain College.

The Clarke County Area Crusade with evangelist Danny Lafferty and his associate, Jim Hill showed visible results in the services, homes and schools. A total of 236 persons made professions of faith during the six days, April 25-30.

Knights Valley Church and Northrup Chapel, along with their pastors, Harold McInnis and Tommy Parker, cooperated in the revival effort.

"At least 12 of our 30 churches in the Clarke Association will have persons added through baptism as a result of the crusade, I believe," said Grady Crowell, director of missions. Arlis Nichols led the music. Three women played the piano—Mrs. Hill, Mrs. McInnis, and Mrs. Crowell.

"Above all, thanks to God for his blessings during this week of crusade," added Crowell.

Services began in a tent, but bad weather caused them to be moved to Northrup Chapel. Since the time of the meeting, Northrup Chapel had 18 additions on one Sunday alone.

The revival team held services in many schools of the area. As a result, at least 100 professions of faith were made during a service at one school. Follow-up contacts have been made, both by the evangelist and by the director of missions. Letters have been sent to the converts and to their pastors.

Three are graduated from Midwestern

Three Mississippians participated in the 22nd annual commencement exercises at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., May 15.

Seminary President Milton Ferguson conferred degrees and diplomas on 98 graduates. Rheubin South, executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist Convention, delivered the commencement address.

Mississippi graduates included Tommy W. Goode, who received the diploma of theology. Goode attended Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, and Union University in Jackson, Tenn. Married to the former Elaine Paton, he is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Riverside, Mo.

Sue Anne Bartels Lanham, former Mississippian, was awarded the master of religious education degree. She is a ministry intern in Englewood Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.

Dennis B. McKay, a graduate of Mississippi College, was recipient of the master of divinity degree.

Names in the News

Danny Powell was one of 18 students at New Orleans Seminary elected by the student body to participate in student chapel days May 4-13. Powell, of Moss, Miss., preached in the morning worship service in Roland Q. Leavell Chapel May 12.

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Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Frances Landrum Tyler

When I was a GA, I learned names of the SBC WMU officers. One was Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, recording secretary.

I wondered what a recording secretary did. A few weeks ago Dr. Tyler told me that from 1938 to 1957 (years she held that office) she recorded the minutes at every annual meeting of the WMU, SBC, plus minutes for every semi-annual WMU board meeting.

When I was in college I read an unforgettable book about the Christian home—*The Little World of Home* (Broadman, 1949) by Wilfred and Frances Tyler. (They also wrote *Touch and Go*, on the challenge of Christian parenthood, and for 12 years wrote a column in *Home Life*—“Let’s Read.”) Mama read *Pray Ye* by Frances Landrum Tyler, (Broadman, ’44) a bestseller among Foreign Mission Board selections.

Dr. Tyler is a speaker known worldwide, and a professor with a PhD degree from Ole Miss who has taught Old Testament and American literature at Blue Mountain College since 1946. Recently I spent three hours at her little white Victorian house in Blue Mountain (she calls it the Pine Tree) where she moved from the college president’s home after her husband died in 1965.

Her interior decorating is as her dress—neat, original, exquisite, in perfect taste. I didn’t need to ask her favorite color. A pink theme ties all the rooms together—pink curtains at all the windows, pink cushions on sofas and chairs, pink bedspread, pink carpet in the bathroom, floor-length pink cloth on the dining table, pink refrigerator. When the geraniums in the kitchen blossom, I feel sure they will be pink.

Though she said she was born in 1906, she looks nearer 58 than 76. Her blue silk dress matched the blue of her eyes; her white hair was done in a becoming upswept style. Her slender figure, a petite size 5, kindled in me a little flame of envy. As we talked, I found out that Wilfred Tyler was her teacher when she was in high school.

“How do you like teaching?” Tyler’s mother asked the young man who had grown up in Brookhaven and begun teaching in Laurel.

“I like it all right,” he answered. “I could keep those girls on the front row from giggling.” One of those girls was Frances Landrum. He didn’t know she was writing in her physics book: “Mr. Tyler has five suits—the blue one, the checked one, the striped one,” and so on. Neither knew it then, but they were destined to marry Dec. 28, 1932. For the wedding she wore a fabulous lace veil bought in Brussels and loaned her by a seminary prayermate, Mrs. Shad-Medlin-to-be. Alma Hunt came by train to the wedding.

In 1927 she’d gotten a degree in piano from Mississippi Woman’s College and in 1928 a literary degree from the same school. Then she took a job teaching public school music at Long Beach. That year on the Coast she nearly died of pneumonia. Before she became ill she had heard that the king of England was sick. In her delirium, she kept asking, “How is the king?”

Wilfred Tyler, by then a student at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., traveled to Long Beach to visit her. During this illness she did some deep thinking, and decided that the right place for her to go next would be seminary. She enrolled at Woman’s Missionary Training School and earned the B.R.E. degree.

In 1931 Frances Landrum was elected by Mississippi WMU as the state’s first young people’s leader. In Kentucky she’d gotten to know Wilfred Tyler much better, had been going out to the opera and symphony concerts and other places with him. So when she took the WMU position, she told Miss Frances Taylor, state WMU director, that she was engaged and planned to be married as soon as Wilfred got his PhD degree.

She directed the first Royal Ambassador Conclave—at Mississippi College when James Sullivan was president of the student body. Double the number of boys she had expected showed up. “They simply fell out of the trees!” she remembers. One boy broke his arm in the gym and some people slipped him to the doctor without notifying Miss Landrum. Later, as the hurt boy was the object of much attention, another RA said, “Miss Landrum, I wish I had broken my arm!”

After their marriage, her husband was pastor of College Avenue Baptist Church, Annapolis, Md. for four years. Then they moved to Blue Mountain, Miss., where he joined the teaching faculty at BMC. She began teaching in 1946. When he died in 1965 he had been president of the college for five years.

For Frances Landrum Tyler “life is so much fun.” She is a bundle of energy and laughter. But she has brilliance and depth, too. When she was in college, she told me, she wrote on a BSU folder that she wanted her life work to be “the furtherance of the gospel.” From this evolved her life goal: “Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.” During her hour a day at the piano she always includes “Spirit of the Living God,” and for every guest at her house she plays “Joy to the World.”

As I was leaving she brought out three candles—pink candles—and lighted them with three wishes—a tradition she has carried on for years at her house—“We light three candles for you, my dear . . . one is for memory, all steadfast as a star . . . one for days to be . . . and one for days that are . . . every one a fire-bloom, and every one a prayer.”

(Continued next week)

Revival Dates

Gatesville Baptist Church, Crystal Springs: June 4-6; Thomas Goza, evangelist; Willie Wright, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.

Lake Harbor (Rankin): May 30-June 4; Jack Glaze, director, department of religion, Mississippi College, preaching Sunday and Monday on evangelism; Roy Clark, pastor at Lake Harbor, preaching Tuesday and Wednesday on stewardship; Kermit McGregor, pastor, Morrison Heights, Clinton, preaching Thursday and Friday on the Second Coming; services at 7

p.m.; Bobby Taggart, leading the music.

Sunshine Church (Rankin): May 30-June 4; Byron Malone, pastor, Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, evangelist; Bob Coleman, minister of music and education Sunshine, music evangelist; services Sunday 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; weekdays 7:30 p.m.; Sam Creel, pastor.

Calvary (Jasper): May 31-June 6; at 7:30 p.m.; Paul Ragland, evangelist; W. O. Partridge, pastor.

Homecomings

Arlington Baptist Church near Bogalusa Chitto (Lincoln County): homecoming day, Sunday, May 30; Sunday School at 10 a.m.; worship service at 11 a.m.; old-fashioned dinner on the grounds; fellowship in the afternoon; Robert (Bob) Wilson, pastor, Osceola, Ar., morning speaker; Don Manuel, interim pastor.

Friendship Baptist Church, Route 2, Brookhaven: Sunday, May 30 homecoming; Sunday school at 10 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m.; old-fashioned dinner on the ground at noon; afternoon service; guest speaker, James Alford Case; who grew up in Friendship community and is a former member of Friendship and is now interim pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lincoln County; Wiley Reid, pastor.

Kreole Avenue Baptist Church, Moss Point, held homecoming day on May 2. Joe Blackwell, Kosciusko, former pastor at Kreole Avenue, preached at 11 a.m. Van Windham of Hattiesburg spoke at 2 p.m. Dinner was served on the grounds. Dah Hembee is pastor.

Soulenlove Baptist Church: homecoming Sunday, May 30; services beginning at 10 a.m.; Jimmy Garrard, guest speaker; lunch served at noon; singing in the afternoon; Parker Chancellor, pastor.

Tiplersville Church (Tippah): homecoming May 30; John D. Hopper, Jr., pastor, South Side Church, Meridian, speaker at 11 a.m. service; Donald Hopper, Jackson, Tenn., leading the song service; dinner on the grounds; special singing in the afternoon; Barron Pilgrim, pastor.

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Absalom's revolt, David's escape

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2 Samuel 14:21,23-24; 15:2-4,10,13-14
I. Absalom brought back to Jerusalem (14:21, 23-24)

We noted in the last lesson that Absalom fled to Geshur, home of his father-in-law, following the murder of Ammon. After three years, Joab could see that David's heart was toward Absalom (14:1) and he devised a scheme for having Absalom brought back to Jerusalem.

Joab, in his unique position, could see two sides of a tragic picture. He naturally discerned Absalom's increasing popularity with the people and probably sensed that he was becoming more embittered toward his father; but, knowing David as he did, he could see that the king loved this son. Continual estrangement could lead to serious trouble. Verses 1-21 of chapter 14 should be read to understand what Joab did to bring the two together. Although David could see the hand of Joab in the plot, he did order that Absalom be brought back to Jerusalem, but that he return to his own house and not see the face of his father.

This state of affairs continued for two full years—Absalom living in the same city with his father, but not being permitted to see him. Thus five years had elapsed since there had been any direct contact between the two. Near the end of two years, Absalom tried twice to get Joab to come to see him with the idea of getting him to arrange an audience with the king for him.

Joab refused to see him, and Absalom finally decided on a rather drastic move. He had his servants to set fire to Joab's barley field. This brought some action, for Joab came to Absalom seeking an explanation for the destruction of his crop. When Absalom explained his deed and told Joab he might as well have stayed in Geshur, Joab did go to David and arranged for Absalom to see him. We are given no details of the meeting except that Absalom bowed himself to the ground and that David kissed his son. What was said between the two we are not told.

II. Absalom's strategy (15:2-6)

Having been accepted by his father (14:33), Absalom lost little time in making himself more visible in Jerusalem. With his natural beauty and with 50 men to run before his chariot Absalom set about creating an image for himself. It is not folly to assume these men were hand-picked,

and really constituted a bodyguard and a nucleus of others to be selected later.

In an earlier lesson reference was made to David's judicial system, and the only recorded criticism of it came from Absalom who had a selfish motive in what he said. Near the gates of ancient cities groups would gather to talk about their crops or herds, the weather, and about politics as well. Many not so serious disputes were settled there and minor civil trials adjudicated.

Absalom made a practice of going down to the city gate early in the morning to meet people who had cases to be settled. He would quickly agree that they had a good case or a justifiable complaint, and often lamented that the king had appointed no one to settle their differences. Then he made it a point of saying, "Oh, that one would appoint me judge in the land, then every man who has any suit or cause could come to me and I would give him justice" (15:4 NASV).

Since he likely wore the robes or insignia of prince, when people saw him, they would come near to prostrate themselves before him, but he would put out his hand and kiss them.

One can easily imagine this gave the people something to talk about, and to remark that they liked him. He seemed to be one of them. The result, says the Scripture, was that Absalom stole away the hearts of the people (15:6). Many people are easily beguiled by one who has a charming manner:

III. The revolt of Absalom (15:10, 13-14)

The Bible gives us only the barest outline of Absalom's devious scheme. How he selected the spies he sent throughout all Israel or how many there were we are not told. It is possible that during his three-year stay in Geshur, Absalom had been laying the groundwork for discontent with those in the northern part of David's kingdom.

At first glance one may wonder that Absalom would select Hebron as the scene for the beginning of his open revolt. Some reflection, however, would lead to the realization that David's greatest strength was in the area around Hebron. He had been king there for seven and one-half years, and the people knew him. If Absalom could gain their support, the rest should be easy, for in the territory north of

Jerusalem there were those who still felt some loyalty to the family of Saul and resented David.

One can only feel revulsion in Absalom's going to David (15:7-9) and requesting permission to go to Hebron to pay a vow he had made. David apparently had no question about his sincerity and allowed him to go in peace. It is interesting to note that the 200 men who went with him went innocently (15:11). He must have felt some elation, however, in getting Aithophel, David's counselor, to go with him.

One of the major unanswered questions in all of this has to do with David's declaring Jerusalem an open city. It was an easily defended stronghold, and it does not seem likely Absalom's forces could have taken it. Did David fear there were traitors in the city? Did he want to save the city and its inhabitants from destruction? Did he feel his forces were much superior to Absalom's in open field maneuvering? The truth may be in a combination of all of these.

In this lesson we see an excellent illustration of what happens when evils not faced and dealt with. We also see some ways in which God's purpose for Christian lives is sometimes hindered.

Hegwood named director of year

The Church Training department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, has named Gerald Hegwood, pastor

of First Baptist Church of Helena, near Pascagoula, as associational Church Training director of the year. Hegwood was recognized during the recent associational officers' meeting at Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson. He was chosen from 75 associations made up of 1,925 churches.

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